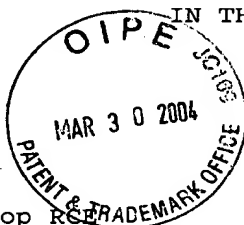


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 09/960,749 (Confirmation No. 5029), filed on September 21, 2001 of Thomas E. Borillo et al. for APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING DEVICES IN ATRIAL APPENDAGES

1. ☐ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Please charge \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
10. ☐ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Office Action of _____ in the above-identified patent application.
11. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
12. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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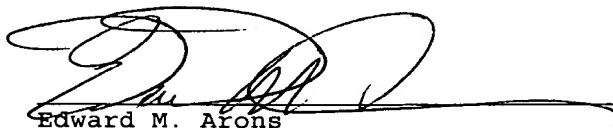
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